

This comment refers to the proposed change of the area code of part of Ontario County to 585 from 716. Many organizations for years have been plagued by the split of the county along old phone company service boundry lines (Rochester Tel. and NY Tel.) rather than some form of geographic boundry, such as county lines. In some cases, towns are split in half, even on the same street! It has led to complications and confusion for residents and businesses, and also complicated the establishment of 911 services, which are still not totally trouble free. The additional area code change presents an opportune time to unify a county with one area code, that currently is split with not logic to the process, and no natural boundry (state line, river, mountain range, etc.) to dictate otherwise. Local calling areas could still be maintained, as there are already local calls that require 10 digit dialing (Geneva NY to Stanley, for example). As a broadcaster, this would also make a lot of sense. The move has the support of many residents and local governments and it would make sense to do this now, prior to the finalization of the plan.